Proposed Solar Highway Project Discussion

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Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has announced that having completed the first solar highway project in the nation at the I-5/I-205 interchange, Oregon now looks to build the largest solar highway project in the world – one that would exceed a 2.8 megawatt project announced recently for Germany.

A "solar highway" generates electricity from solar panels during the day to power highway lighting at night.

The unused ODOT rest area off of I-205 in West Linn is one potential site under consideration for "the world's largest solar highway project."

Stop by City Hall or the Library to learn more about the proposed solar highway project.

Project Size:

3 megawatts (3.2 million kilowatt hours/year – about one-sixth of ODOT's needs in PGE's service area)

Project Cost:

\$20 million

Estimated Employment:

140 to 150 direct and indirect jobs

Potential Start Date:

The project could begin as early as late summer 2009.

Online Discussion:

What are your thoughts on this proposed project? Share your questions, concerns, and support using the online forum below.

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